

Dear Sirs:

I feel that the Broadband Over Power Line plan is a real threat to any HF communications we use today. Many times HF communications has been the only way of communicating during disasters.

I have been a ham radio operator since 1963, licensed at the age of 15. We have made many advances since then. The space program has made the computer age within reach of just about every home.

Let us not forget what would happen during a disaster or long term power and telephone outages. No communications, unless the hams are able to setup their battery powered transceivers and portable antennas. They are the link not only the local community, but the rest of the country and world.

The noise created by BPL will put an end to this free emergency communications network. We will no longer know what is happening in the rest of the country or world.

Please consider this BPL plan and its effects on the emergency communications network as we know it today. Please do not pass this plan for the sake of the country and world.

I hope that I still have the privilege to communicate with other hams when I am in my 80's. Why should this privilege be taken away from us for the sake of profit by huge corporations?

Respectfully,

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